

REMARKS

Claims 1-6, 9 and 15 are currently amended. Claims 7, 8, 10-14 and 16-19 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Upon entry of the amendment, claims 1-6, 9 and 15 will be active. The amendments are supported by the claims as previously presented. No new matter has been added.

The office is requiring restriction of the above-identified application as follows:

Group I, claims 1-6 and 19, drawn to a block copolymer composition;

Group II, claims 7-9 and 15, drawn to a method of making PHA block copolymer;

Group III, claims 11-14, drawn to gene; and

Group IV, claims 16-17, drawn to a method of use of block copolymer.

Applicants submit that pending claims 1-6, 9 and 15 correspond to group II, claims 7-9 and 15, drawn to a method of making PHA block copolymer. Accordingly, applicants elect group II which is now presented as claims 1-6, 9 and 15.

Applicants submit that pending claims 1-6, 9 and 15 are now in condition for examination on the merits and early notification of such action is earnestly solicited.

If there are any charges due with respect to this Amendment or otherwise, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 06-1130 maintained by Applicant's attorneys.

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The Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's Attorneys at the below-listed telephone number with any questions or comments regarding this Response or otherwise concerning the present application.

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